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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE
In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes. Elsewhere, regional prices were sharply lower on all weights when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady following the holiday weekend. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were balanced to ample for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were light to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for the light to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged with the balance of prices sharply lower for the larger sizes and 6 cents lower for mediums. Trade sentiment was generally steady at current levels. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good. Food service movement was light. Supplies were balanced to ample.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers. RANGE MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	67-76	70-73	
LARGE	66-75	68-71	LARGE 48-57 52
MEDIUM	61-70	63-66	MEDIUM 43-49 47
			SMALL 25-29

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on extra large and large, lower on mediums when compare to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for immediate trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were irregular, although sufficient for reduced processing schedules. Light type hen offerings were generally adequate for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	69-83	74-78
MEDIUM	64-77	69-71

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL All prices sharply lower. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances fairly good following the holiday weekend. Distributive movement was light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to fully adequate for the generally light demand. Floor stocks ranged from balanced to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time for the remainder of the week. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	72.5-81	74-77
MEDIUM	67.5-76	69-72

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was mostly steady beginning the week. Demand was usually moderate to at times fairly good following the holiday weekend. Supplies were sufficient to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-94.25	75-78
LARGE	72-93.25	73-76
MEDIUM	66.5-72.25	67-71

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on extra large, large and medium when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady following the holiday weekend. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	83-87
LARGE	81-85
MEDIUM	76-80

MIDWEST EGGS	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	74-82	75-77
LARGE	72-80	73-75
MEDIUM	67-75	68-70

WESTERN Prices 19-20 cents lower on jumbo, extra large and large, 5-6 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 29% lower than last week with California down 30% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 27%. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 20 cents lower on jumbo, extra large and large; 6 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 30% lower than last week. Retailer demand slowed. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 85.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

RANGE	
JUMBO	118
EXTRA LARGE	117
LARGE	111
MEDIUM	105

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	279-319	JUMBO	
EXTRA LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	NOT
LARGE	199-289	LARGE	AVAILABLE
MEDIUM	189-249	MEDIUM	

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 29, 2006 will decrease by 5 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 22, 2006 were 395,143 cases which was 11 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	350,581	44,562	395,143

% change from the prior week.....	+13	-1	+11

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were light to fully adequate with demand usually light. Floor stocks balanced to ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time for the remainder of the week. Trade sentiment steady. Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	33-39	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	23-30	25-27

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was seasonally light to fair for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to mostly light due to the holiday. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was no better than steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-DEC-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7		4.55

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-DEC-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.5		4.83

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CANADIAN EGGS

QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 11, 2006.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF DEC 11, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DEC 25, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	North Cent	South Cent	South Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.8	20.1	7.9	9.8	8.9	52.5
	Change	-1.7	-0.3	-0.2	-2.5	-5.0	-16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.6	48.6	13.6	22.0	35.2	137.0
	Change	-6.2	-2.6	1.3	-4.0	-7.8	-12%
Large	Curr Wk	25.0	147.2	83.9	90.5	91.0	437.6
	Change	-11.4	21.9	-7.1	-36.3	-50.5	-16%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.2	41.8	21.5	11.2	27.9	110.6
	Change	0.6	8.4	-0.1	-3.5	-6.3	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	5.8	1.9	3.3	1.3	15.8
	Change	1.5	1.1	-0.4	0.4	-1.1	10%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	23.7	9.7	10.5	6.3	52.6
	Change	-0.4	-3.0	-3.2	-1.3	-1.2	-15%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.8	47.8	24.9	28.9	19.1	134.5
	Change	0.1	10.9	3.5	4.1	-4.6	12%
Total	Curr Wk	76.3	335.0	163.4	176.2	189.7	940.6
Percent	Change	-19%	12%	-4%	-20%	-29%	-10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	940.6	-10%	160
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	236.4	8%	33

Total Shell Egg	1177.0	-7%	193
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 160 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate

valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC
93.8	298.6	169.6	219.3	266.2
				1047.5

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 22, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 12.25**FUTURE LOADS** 15.00**TOTAL LOADS** 27.25

SE			NE		MW			LOADS	SC			NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS		ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	—	—	52.50	54.00	—	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	60.00	1.75	
GL W XL	—	—	61.00	57.67	47.24	52.00	11.75	GL W LG	—	52.75	—	—	—	—	5.75	
GL W LG	—	—	—	61.00	46.50	—	9.75	GL W SM	42.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W SM	—	51.00	42.50	40.00	—	—	2.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/18/06-12/22/06**CURRENT LOADS** 58.75**FUTURE LOADS** 119.50**TOTAL LOADS** 178.25

SE								NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W 1	62.25	—	60.10	59.10	58.60	62.60	41.00	GNR W 1	—	63.40	—	—	—	—	9.00		
GNR W 4	—	—	41.00	42.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	53.08	—	50.00	—	59.50	65.00	6.00		
GL W J	—	—	—	—	50.25	—	1.25	GL W XL	—	58.00	—	—	—	59.76	9.00		
GL W XL	—	70.17	65.00	60.93	45.75	52.00	40.75	GL W LG	—	61.04	—	—	—	67.62	14.50		
GL W LG	—	—	52.50	61.60	44.25	—	31.75	GL W MD	41.25	71.20	—	—	—	49.00	8.50		
GL W MD	63.00	68.00	60.25	62.33	48.81	—	14.25	GL W SM	42.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W SM	48.00	50.50	43.82	44.09	42.00	45.50	5.75	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	119.00	1.25		
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00		
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	39.00	—	40.00	2.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	33.50	35.50	—	38.94	72.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	38.00	3.00										
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	12/18/06	12/11/06	12/19/05
PACIFIC COAST	33	0	112
LOS ANGELES	29	0	107

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is good.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	98.69
LARGE	97.69
MEDIUM	86.43
SMALL	64.00

CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

Brown Eggs	CENTS/CARTON	MOSTLY
Extra Large doz.	222 - 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 - 151	130 - 134
Large doz. 2	217 - 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 - 142	125 - 128

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